

Loxley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Loxley School on Monday 27th January 2020 at 19:30pm

Present: Glynn Jones, Chair (GJ), Justin Whitehorn (JW), Dan Bake (DB), Ken Osborne (KO), Laura Mitchell (LM), Peter Gregory Hood (PGH) SDC Cllr Penny Anne O'Donnell (PAO) - Karen Parnell - Clerk

Other attendees: Members of the public were present (Hazel and John Mills, Peter Morris, James Bell)

1. Record members present and receive apologies

Apologies received from WCC Cllr Izzi Seccombe

2. Declaration of interests in any item on the agenda

None

3. To approve the minutes of the LPC meeting held on 26-11-19

Agreed and signed off as a true record by the chairman

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not covered in the agenda

None

5. To receive any questions or representations from the public

The Neighbourhood Plan Referendum will take place on 27/02/20 and getting as many people as possible to vote was discussed. It was agreed a flyer would be produced. This would be circulated by villagers around the Parish (Peter, Hazel, John, James and Penny would distribute around Loxley Park). **Action GJ to produce flyer.**

A flooding survey is being completed. No full plan is in place yet. Plans of drains were requested by PM. Cllr Bake will provide what information he has to Peter Morris. **Action DB**

Traffic calming and the possible provision of a radar sign were considered given that the traffic calming budget was still available. There was the potential to link any flashing sign to the grid given the new development which had received approval on the Stratford Road. Penny agreed to look into whether this would be possible. **Action : PAO**

6. District and County Councillors update (PAO)

SDC budget 2020/21

District & Borough Councils are going to receive less grant money from Government over the coming period. To compensate SDC has had to assess where it can both save money and also generate an income to off-set the upcoming deficit.

Facts:

- SDC is obliged by law to provide certain services such as emptying recycling /general waste bins and looking after the homeless. There are other services SDC chooses to provide/fund, such as green bins, UBUS, Citizens Advice and leisure centres

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- Only 40% of SDC's income is from the Council Tax. The rest comes from Central Government
- By 2025, the Government grants SDC receive will fall to zero (Revenue Support Grant has already fallen to zero and New Homes Bonus is likely to stop by 2025) This equates to a loss in income of approx. £7 million/year
- SDC can (as with any council) only increase Council Tax by either £5 for a Band D property or a maximum of 2%/year. Hence, in real terms, income from Council Tax is capped
- SDC's reserves are being used to fund the gap. By law, however, we must retain a minimum; for SDC that is approximately £2.5m
- Of the Council Tax paid, SDC only receives 7.8%, the rest going to WCC (77.3%), Parish Councils (3.4%) and the PCC (11.5%). Note that SDC collects the monies for all the other authorities.

Climate change consultation and monies are taking precedence as it the review of the core strategy which is likely to cost £ 1.6 Million.

Electric car charging points were discussed.

7. Financial Report

- Confirm payments & receipts

Clerks salary and expenses £ 425.00

Avon Planning Services £ 576.00

TDP Limited (Benches) £ 1,316.60

The Clerk noted that a £10k CILS payment had been received and was reported at the last meeting.

Expenditure against projects will be updated and circulated to the PC. **Action: Clerk**

8. Housing and Planning

- Planning decisions made / applications received since the last meeting

Application(s) reference: 19/03254/FUL

Proposed : Proposed porch, front extensions, single storey rear extension, first floor extension, associated internal alterations and replacement garage block

At : Pastures Farm , Stratford Road, Loxley, CV35 9JR

For : Mr Harshad Parmar

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Application(s) reference: 19/03293/FUL

Proposed : Proposed development of 4 dwellings, upgraded access and associated landscaping works

At : Land Off, Stratford Road, Loxley,

For : Mr Philip Coton Stratford Homes

Application(s) reference: 19/03333/FUL

Proposed : Proposed 2 storey extension to existing dwelling

At : The Old Stables , Main Road, Loxley, CV35 9JS

For : Mr & Mrs Morgan-Harrold

Chairman to liaise with Louise Casey SDC Planning in response to email received.

Action GJ

- NDP update

The referendum on 27/02/20 will be promoted via the website, which includes a guide published by SDC, as well as through a leaflet which will be delivered throughout Loxley (residents had agreed to distribute as noted above).

Action GJ

9. The future of the Fox Inn

- To consider reports from the Fox Inn Steering Group

The target has now been reached and the steering group and villagers were thanked for their work.

10. Environment

- Traffic Calming

A flashing sign is an option and the possibility of using the power supply into the new development on the Stratford Road will be looked into with SDC and Stratford Homes.

Action PAO

GJ met with representative of WCC regarding options for the £ 13,000 budget. Moving the bus stop and providing a bus shelter was discussed at the meeting with option of funding coming from the recent CILS allocation to LPC.

WCC Safer Routes to School initiative will also be pursued with Cllr Seccombe. **Action IS**

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A resident has been liaising with the Police and the introduction of mobile speed cameras and/or a Community Speedwatch Group are options and will be promoted by leafleting residents in mid-February (along with the NDP flyer) as volunteers would be needed. Additionally, there was the possibility of setting up a Facebook Group which James Bell volunteered to take forward.

Action James Bell

Reporting speeding Lorries connected to development by SDC planning enforcement was promoted.

- Play area improvements

Fencing will be repaired in due course.

The group will look into updating – and possibly replacing - play equipment, painting a railing and siting the bench and picnic table. A meeting of the group will take place in Spring - DB to arrange date. GJ also highlighted a number of potential grant funding options which could be pursued. .

Actions : DB to arrange meeting of the group, GJ to clarify available budget

- Park bench installation

The bench has been delivered (and is being stored at PGHs) and will be sited in due course.

Action GJ/ DB

- Lengthsman scheme

A new Lengthsman is being put in post. JW will establish what monies remain available to Loxley.

Action JW

11. Correspondence

Magazines were distributed

12. Matters of interest

Localised flooding issues are being pursued by KO who will meet with SDC and report back to the April PC meeting, further to a site visit.

Action KO

13. Date of next meeting : Thursday 2nd April 2020

Meeting closed 9.20pm